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Healthcare Committee Minutes August 9, 2022

Attendees: Fran Kuhn, Gina DeMaio, Samuel Ware, Myra Morales Keklak, Patti Laychock, Sherwood Taylor, Alan Beatty, Nanci Vekios, Shelia Quinn, Dan Kelly, Erik Ditizio, Sherrise A. Moten, Erik Ditizio,

Absent : Lillian Smith, Dr. Phillip Guenther

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kuhn at 3:30pm.

Mr. Kuhn requested a motion to approval the minutes from the June 7th meeting. Motion by Alan B. second by Dan K. two abstentions Gina D. and Patti L.; no questions or comments the motion passes.

Mr. Kuhn introduced Nanci Vecchio from Excel Care, Vice President of Strategic Development. Excel Care is an extended care and rehabilitation facility. Ms. Vecchio shared the locations of the facility which is in Egg Harbor Township, Vineland, and Atlantic City with 175 employees.

LPN Update: Patti L. has 6 new students enrolled in the LPN program. Myrna K. shared that Atlantic County will be receiving approval for the LPN program with the assistance of Alan B. The moratorium produced the first application process for the State Board of Nursing in a two-part process. Step one was the application which the State has and will be presented to the Nursing Educational Committee in September for approval. Myrna did confirm an informal acceptance from the current Executive Director of the Board. The formal approval will come in September. She confirmed the goal is to begin the second part of the application with the State Board in February 2023 for consideration. The LPN program, because it is a college-based certificate program requires approval by the College Wide Curriculum Committee here at Atlantic Cape, but it also then requires approval by the Educational Council for the for the university and college presidents here in New Jersey. The first students (limited to 20) will begin in January 2024. The second year will be 30 students.

Alan B. is concerned about potential clinical sites. Myrna K. confirmed Atlantic Cape has already begun the process with Shore Memorial hospital, Atlantic Care, and the use of current partners for long term care. The way the program is being developed they will not be using competing clinical sites and will included hospitals. It's primary specialty areas, pediatrics, and obstetrics will run through the summer.

Mr. Kuhn stated that WFDB has 12 contracts with PRISM and two with Cape Tech total 14. The out of county expense was approved by the WDB to cover that cost of \$2000 for a total of \$10,000 per LPN student.

Nanci V. requested to partner with Atlantic Cape to integrate the Excel Care into the nursing schools. She wants to connect with Stockton as well. Excel Care wants hospitals to know that we have nursing students on rotation and want to have that extra set of hands. She requested a contact list of all in attendance today.



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Nursing Assistant need: Patti Y. confirmed the Board of Nursing allowing CNA's to work in the homes without becoming CHHA's. Mr. Kuhn requested a copy of the bill that speaks to the change. Mr. Kuhn explained the need Atlantic County government is having filling positions at Meadow View Nursing Facility and would like the number of CNA's receiving training to aid in the process.

Erik D. (WDB Job Developer) is still receiving calls regarding the CNA position and the wages are between \$17-\$28 per hour.

Mr. Kuhn asked the committee about information on second shift childcare. This information will help customers take on positions with evening requirements. Alan B. confirmed Shore Memorial does not provide these services.

Nanci V. confirmed a previous daycare in Atlantic City. Excel Care is working with the DDD with a space that was dedicated to that particular service. Her company is in discussions to reimburse employees with the cost for daycare. Patti L. met with a young lady from Gateway Community Partnership that does provide the services. She offered to contact the company and report back. Erik suggested Tiny Hands Day Care as a referral. Mr. Kuhn wants to work on ways to develop support for our customers.

Medical Assistant Program update: Sherwood T. confirmed that the grant will end June 2023, they are hoping for an extension due to COVID. Atlantic Cape has added the EMT program. Six students have completed the medical assistant program and they are tracking OJT hours. The Pharmacy Tech program has been approved; Atlantic Cape has elected not to participate because there is no demand in this area.

Work based Learning- No update.

Alan B. (Chair) closed the meeting with an update on the Respiratory Therapy starting in 2023. The LPN program will be a few years out to track outcomes. It is difficult to staff locations, but we are looking forward to the next graduating classes.

The EMT staffing levels are not struggling. The number is great per Sherwood T. (Atlantic Cape College).

Nanci V. shared that her company, Excel Care has several vacancies, not just CNA's, human resources, maintenance department, Dietary Food Service Director, Director of Admissions. They can all be checked on the web site Excelcareeh.com, Excelcarepinesam.com.

We will forward contact information throughout the committee.

Motion to adjourn by Alan B. second by Gina D.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrise A. Moten
Contract Administrator/ Board Liaison